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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Carter et al.

: Group Art Unit: 2152

Serial No. 09/272,810
Filed: March 19, 1999

: Examiner Le H. Luu

For: **NETWORK SERVER USING LOCAL INFORMATION TO DETECT TIMED-
OUT CLIENT REQUESTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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AMENDMENT

In response to the office action dated October 26, 2001, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the section entitled "Summary of the Invention"

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 1-20 with the following, and add claim 21 below.

1. In a server, a method of handling a network connection, the network
connection including a client-to-server channel and a server-to-client channel, the
method comprising:

examining local server information to determine whether the client-to-server
channel is still established; and

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